

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st September 2013

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 10th October at 2.00 p.m. in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Places for the examination are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis so you are strongly advised to apply early. Some applications have already been received. If warranted by the number of candidates, a morning session at 10.30 a.m. will be held in addition to the afternoon session.

Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . Note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee in order to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 25th September.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network have set a date for the Radio Rally in the usual venue the Welcome Inn Hotel, Castlebar for Sunday the 17th November 2013. For further details please contact the rally director, Padraic EI9JA on 0876957154.

The North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group will be holding their annual Radio & Electronics Rally on Sunday, 15th Sept. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5 per person (children are free). All the usual traders will be present as well as sole traders and we are certain that a bargain can be found. A raffle will also be held throughout the course of the event and tickets for this will be available on the door (€2 for one strip or €5 for three strips). We look forward to seeing you all there.

For those of you looking to participate in the NCRG Foxhunt, the closing date for applications is Saturday, 7th Sept. The event itself will be held on Sat, 14th Sept to kick off the rally weekend and to give visitors an extra activity whilst in Cork City

(hopefully by then we will be All Ireland Champions!). This is a fun activity for participants from any aspect of the hobby. Can you catch the sneaky fox!!

For details in relation to both these events, registration for those wanting to take part in the Foxhunt or anyone wishing to secure a sellers table at the rally, please contact Edwin EI2HEB on ei2heb /at/ ei1nc.com or 086 3885741. Places are filling up fast and there are limited spaces left.

The Kerry Amateur Radio Group

The Kerry Amateur Radio Group is pleased to announce that its 70cms repeater is active once again after a period off the air. The repeater has undergone refurbishment and now sports voice identification in place of the previous Morse code ident. Other works include a new power supply, new case, new cooling fan and a new antenna system. The repeater, callsign EI7KYR, located in mid-Kerry can be accessed with a CTCSS tone of 103.5Hz, its output is 430.975MHz with a +7.6MHz shift. The Kerry Amateur Radio Group welcome any reception reports and look forward to working many amateur stations on the repeater. Reception reports can be given to any Kerry Amateur Radio Group member or via email to EI1KARG at gmail.com.

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group have been invited by Waterford and Suir Valley Railway to take part in an event which will be held at Kilmeaden Railway Station in line with Kilmeaden Vintage Festival over the weekend of the 7th and 8th September. This will include a number of family events, children's entertainment and birds of prey. SEARG will operate from the railway station over the weekend using the EI2WRC/P call. Club member John Tubbritt EI3HQB will also have his Rolls Royce on show at the event.

With less than 3 weeks left to go till the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group's activation of Loftus Hall on Friday the 13th September final preparations are being made. Loftus Hall is widely renowned as Ireland's most haunted house. It has been given the CASHOTA reference EI025/SH. It promises to be a fun activation and one for the whole family with junior op's welcome to come along. More details about this event can be got from any SEARG committee member.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will once again be hosting the SSB field day on the weekend of 7th and 8th September. The club would like to invite clubs or individual ops to the grounds of Garbally College, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway to take part in the contest. Ample space is available for antennas, parking and camping if needs be. The club will be having its famous barbeque on the Saturday evening the 7th. For further information please contact Brian EI8IU at [brianei8iu /at/ eircom.net](mailto:brianei8iu@eircom.net).

DX News

Steve 9M6DXX and Jim 9V1YC will be operating from Laos from 5 – 10 September. They will use the callsigns XW8XZ and XW1YC respectively. XW8XZ will be QRV on SSB only while XW1YC will be mainly on CW.

Gerry EI8CC has recently returned to Lesotho following several weeks holiday in EI. He will be active again as 7P8CC from Maseru. He is now in the final year of his posting to Lesotho and should be on the air until mid-2014.

A team of IOTA enthusiasts are planning to activate 6 Panamanian islands during the period 5 – 19 September. The IOTA references numbers are NA-071, NA-072, NA-088, NA-170, NA-202 and NA-203. The callsign to be used is HP0INT followed by /1, /2, /3, /4 or /9 depending on the island being activated.

Sebastian IK2WZM will be on holiday in Corsica from 2 – 8 September. While there he will sign TK9ZM and QSLs go via his home call.

Amateur Radio in the Camper Van

Many amateur radio operators are QRV in their Camper van on 2m,70cms and HF. More details are available on www.campertrack.org

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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